

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (New): A glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a surface provided with pegs, the plate configured to equip a hob,

wherein at least one smooth region, free of pegs, is reserved in a location, in a mounted position, face to face with one or more elements of the hob for which a blurred view of which due to the pegs must be improved.

Claim 15 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one smooth region of the surface provided with pegs of the plate is parallel to another surface of the plate.

Claim 16 (New): The glass-ceramic plate according to claim 15, wherein the at least one smooth region of the surface with pegs of the plate is located in a plane of projecting ends of the pegs; or in a plane of bottoms of hollow regions between the pegs; or in a plane intermediate between the plane of the projecting ends of the pegs and the plane of the bottoms of the hollow regions between the pegs.

Claim 17 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the surface provided with pegs comprises a smooth region, without pegs, which smooth region is formed by a strip parallel to one of edges of the plate, near to the edge, the strip corresponding to an area of a series of display modules for displaying heating powers or other information for a user.

Claim 18 (New): The plate as claimed in claim 17, wherein a surface opposite the surface provided with pegs comprises a boss or a groove parallel to the strip in a neighboring area of the strip opposite the edge.

Claim 19 (New): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein a surface opposite the surface provided with pegs comprises one or more undulations or raised parts, facing the at least one smooth region free of pegs.

Claim 20 (New): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the pegs have a height of from 0.10 to 0.30 mm.

Claim 21 (New): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one smooth region of the surface with pegs is protected during transport of the plate by a polymer, which can include a peelable transparent protective sheet made of polyethylene.

Claim 22 (New): A hob, comprising:
a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, the at least one smooth region free of pegs corresponding to areas of display modules for displaying heating powers or other information useful to a user.

Claim 23 (New): A process for manufacturing by melt-rolling a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, comprising a rolling device including two rollers between which molten glass to be rolled is passed to obtain a ribbon whose length corresponds to one or more plates, one of the rollers comprising a surface with pegs, wherein the roller with pegs

comprises at least one smooth region free of pegs, the at least one smooth region on the surface of the roller being dimensioned and positioned to form, during rolling, at least one peg-free region on a surface of the ribbon, dimensioned and positioned to be, after an operation of cutting the ribbon into plates having final dimensions, face to face with one or more elements of the plates, the blurred view of which due to the pegs must be improved.

Claim 24 (New): The process as claimed in claim 23, for manufacturing a glass-ceramic plate, wherein the peg-free region of the roller includes a strip or a portion of a cylindrical strip located close to an edge of the roller to obtain a lower peg-free strip parallel to an edge of the plate.

Claim 25 (New): An apparatus for manufacturing, by melt-rolling, a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, comprising:

a rolling device including two rollers between which molten glass to be rolled is passed to obtain a ribbon whose length corresponds to one or more plates, one of the rollers comprising a surface with pegs,

wherein the roller with pegs comprises at least one smooth region free of pegs, the at least one smooth region on the surface of the roller being dimensioned and positioned to form, during rolling, at least one peg-free region on a surface of the ribbon, dimensioned and positioned to be, after an operation of cutting the ribbon into plates having final dimensions, face to face with one or more elements of the plates, the blurred view of which due to the pegs must be improved.

Claim 26 (New): The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the peg-free region of the roller includes a strip or a portion of cylindrical strip located close to an edge of the roller, to obtain a lower peg-free strip parallel to an edge of the plate.